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UNITED STATES SUGAR BEET AND SUGAR PRODUCTION - REVISED

Production of sugar from the 1954 crops of sugar beets and sugar cane is estimated at 2,653,000 tons, raw value, compared with 2,446,000 tons in 1953 and 1,948,000 tons average. The 1954 production consisted of 2,043,000 tons produced from sugar beets and 610,000 tons from cane.

Sugar beet growers produced 14,091,000 tons of sugar beets in 1954 compared with 12,084,000 tons in 1953. Beets were harvested from 875,500 acres in 1954 and 745,100 acres in 1953. The average yield per acre of 16.1 tons for 1954 was only 0.1 ton less than the record yield of 16.2 tons for 1953.

The value of the 1954 crop of sugar beets and sugar cane to growers, excluding Government payments under the Sugar Act, amounted to 208 million dollars compared to 196 million dollars in 1953. Sugar beet production in 1954 was valued at 156 million dollars and sugar cane for sugar and seed at 52 million dollars.

SUGAR BEETS

STATE	Acreage Planted			Acreage Harvested			Yield Per Harvested Acre		
	Average	1953	1954	Average	1953	1954	Average	1953	1954
	1943-52			1943-52			1943-52		
		Acres			Acres		Short Tons		
Ohio	22,000	15,800	18,000	17,600	13,800	15,200	9.7	12.9	16.2
Michigan	31,100	55,700	76,800	67,600	43,300	64,100	8.9	11.3	12.0
Wisconsin	13,300	9,800	13,900	11,300	8,900	11,100	9.7	9.4	12.2
Minnesota	44,800	68,700	76,000	40,600	63,800	72,500	9.9	10.5	11.3
North Dakota	21,900	36,400	38,200	19,900	34,800	37,100	10.2	9.5	11.3
South Dakota	5,600	5,100	6,600	4,900	4,700	6,000	10.4	8.3	12.5
Nebraska	58,000	55,200	67,500	53,600	51,700	60,100	12.7	15.3	13.1
Kansas	6,300	5,600	6,800	5,800	4,000	6,100	9.9	6.1	10.2
Montana	66,700	45,300	55,500	61,100	43,600	54,100	11.7	13.4	12.6
IDAHO	75,500	82,500	93,400	63,600	75,200	89,100	16.7	19.4	17.6
Wyoming	34,200	35,600	39,600	31,600	33,900	36,300	12.2	14.9	13.1
Colorado	143,900	121,300	151,400	132,600	115,500	115,100	14.1	16.9	14.4
Utah	35,400	28,400	35,800	32,000	26,800	33,100	14.4	16.2	15.2
Washington	16,700	32,400	35,500	15,500	31,200	34,200	20.6	23.2	22.3
Oregon	19,000	17,600	18,600	16,700	16,800	17,900	19.1	23.0	21.7
California 1/	142,500	174,900	224,600	131,500	177,400	218,600	17.5	19.6	21.2
Other States	7,400	4,300	5,600	6,300	3,800	4,900	10.9	14.5	14.5
UNITED STATES	795,900	794,600	863,600	715,100	745,100	875,500	13.7	16.2	16.1

STATE	Production			Season av. price per ton rec'd by farmers 2/		Value of Production	
	Average	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	1943-52					Thousand Dollars	Thousand Dollars
		Thousand short tons		Dollars			
Ohio	172	173	247	12.20	—	2,172	—
Michigan	606	570	771	12.70	—	7,230	—
Wisconsin	109	84	135	9.00	—	832	—
Minnesota	400	670	810	11.40	—	7,538	—
North Dakota	201	330	418	11.30	—	3,729	—
South Dakota	49	39	75	11.70	—	456	—
Nebraska	677	789	786	11.80	—	9,310	—
Kansas	57	30	62	11.10	—	333	—
Montana	709	586	683	11.70	—	6,873	—
IDAHO	1,120	1,459	1,560	11.30	—	16,487	—
Wyoming	337	504	475	11.70	—	5,695	—
Colorado	1,264	1,556	1,654	11.70	—	22,335	—
Utah	473	435	535	11.50	—	5,002	—
Washington	324	723	761	11.40	—	8,242	—
Oregon	324	337	369	12.00	—	4,218	—
California 1/	2,334	3,239	4,641	11.70	—	38,161	—
Other States	71	55	71	12.20	—	872	—
UNITED STATES	9,877	12,084	14,091	11.80	11.10	140,364	156,410

1/ Relates to year of harvest. Beginning 1952, includes some acreage carried over to the following spring. 2/ Does not include Government payments under the Sugar Act. The United States average for these payments excluding abandonment and deficiency payments amounted to \$2.33 per ton in 1953 and approximately \$2.35 in 1954.

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SUGAR, BEET PULP, AND MOLASSES PRODUCTION - UNITED STATES 1/

Product	Average 1943-52	1953	1954	Product	Average 1943-52	1953	1954
Thousand short tons				Thousand short tons			
Sugar, raw value:				Sugar beet pulp:			
Sugar beet	1,468	1,816	2,043	Molasses	182	324	2/
Sugarcane	480	630	610	Dried	91	100	2/
				Wet	1,426	1,641	2/
TOTAL	1,948	2,446	2,653	Molasses:	Thousand gallons		
Sugar, refined basis				Sugar beet	40,328	47,628	2/
Sugar beet	1,372	1,697	1,909	Sugarcane:			
Sugarcane	448	589	570	Edible	7,056	2,958	2,920
TOTAL	1,820	2,286	2,479	Blackstrap <u>3/</u>	38,949	49,075	45,769

1/ Based on data from Sugar Division, CSS. 2/ Not available. 3/ 80° Brix, including high test molasses made from frozen cane.



